

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

AUGUST 8, 2016

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, August 8, 2016 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Karl Schultz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Mr. Ferry, Mr. Wright called the roll and present were Karl Schultz, Ken Tracy and Mary Makley Wolff.

Mr. Wright advised our insurance renewal is September 1st. Mr. Wright noted the renewal rate for our health and prescription benefit plan for the 2016-2017 year is only 0.29% over the current year. This is a total annual increase of only \$4,942. Mr. Wright also noted if the Township changes it's dental, vision and life insurance plans from Guardian to Anthem, there will be a savings and it will add 11 dentists that were not on the Guardian plan. Mr. Wright stated these options were discussed and reviewed by the Township's employee health insurance committee on July 14th and 28th. It is the recommendation of the committee that Anthem again be the health insurance provider as well as we should switch dental to the Anthem Dental Complete, Option 2 for a net annual savings to the Township of approximately \$14,000 for the next plan year. Mr. Wright also explained he would like the Township to offer a Health Savings Account (HAS) program if it can be done in a way that is cost neutral to the Township and is provided as an option to employees and not do away with HRA's for employees who would prefer to stay with them. Mr. Wright advised the health insurance committee is recommending that Health Savings Accounts be included as it would be an option for employees to select one, permit them to invest in greater savings of their own pay and be cost neutral to the Township. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Brendan Murray, of Marsh & McLennan, our insurance broker, came forward to discuss the Township's insurance plan. Mr. Murray explained there will be no changes in the plan for next year and if the Township changes it dental, vision and life to Anthem the savings to the Township will be significant. Mr. Murray went over all of the numbers regarding employer contribution and employee contribution comparing this year to the new plan year which will start September 1st. Mr. Murray explained they would like to start offering a Health Savings Account along with the Health Reimbursement Account beginning January 1, 2017. Mr. Murray went over the dental, vision and life plans and the savings to the Township. The Trustees thanked Mr. Murray and were happy that the Township Insurance Committee had gone over this.

Chief Kelly advised he received three bids for exterior painting of Station 26. Xpert Custom Painting LLC was the low bid and has excellent reviews on Angie's List. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Musselman advised they have identified two areas on Klondyke Road which are starting to slide. Mr. Musselman asked Roberts Engineering to survey the slides and they provided separate proposals for each area, totaling \$16, 900.00 which would provide topographic surveys, any necessary geotechnical investigations and reports and detailed estimates and drawings. Mr. Musselman stated he would like to have this worked performed this year so the projects could be ready to submit for OPWC funding in 2017 and built in 2018. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Musselman advised of the five second round of bids he received for the Miami Meadows Lake Erosion Control Project. Advanced Contractors and Estimators were the low bid at \$99,420.00 and will be making a recommendation to accept this bid, at the August business meeting.

Chief Kelly discussed the replacement of Rescue 26 as it is at the end of its service life. This vehicle is a 1993 GMS Sierra and has had the engine and transmission rebuilt over the years. He would like to auction it off via GovDeals. The need to purchase an inflatable boat was recognized in the planning phase for the new rescue vehicle to add to our water rescue capabilities and to provide an option where our current power boat has limited capabilities. The request to purchase the boat now is related to the manufacturer's recommendation for them to have the boat during the design and construction phase of the project to be able to fit it appropriately to the vehicle. At the August business meeting, Chief Kelly will be asking to spend up to \$10,500.00 through MilPro Marine for the purchase of the inflatable boat.

Mr. Musselman discussed replacing the waste oil heater in the service garage. This heater is used to help with the heating in the building that also used propane gas. The existing unit was purchased in 2004 and was originally installed in the service garage on McPicken Drive. This unit has numerous leaks, problems with the burner, needs a new pump motor and has reached the end of its service life. The fuel for a waste oil burner is free as they save and utilize the used oil from our vehicles as well as the used oil collected on Clean Up Days. The cost of a new unit is \$13,290.00 and is used extensively in the winter, cutting down on propane cost. Mr. Musselman also noted he is beginning to look into the

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cost to install natural gas lines to our Civic Center and the Service Building and the cost to convert the existing heating oil and propane furnaces to burn natural gas. Having a waste oil heater will help with the cost of heating regardless of what kind of furnace they have. Mr. Musselman stated the new waste oil heater will pay for itself in three years. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Musselman discussed the purchase of a new one ton cab and chassis. This will replace vehicle 18 which was primarily used with the road mowing crew. This new one ton will be upfitted with a utility body and will be able to be used for more projects. The state bid price is \$33,711.12 for cab and chassis and the upfit will be approximately \$10,000.00. They had budgeted \$55,000.00 for a new truck. The Board commended Mr. Musselman on the cost savings of other items and that it will help with this purchase. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Wright reminded the Board of the earlier presentations from the Tobacco-Free Alliance sub-committee of the Partners for a Drug-Free Milford Miami Township, proposing that the Township adopt a tobacco/smoke free parks policy. Mr. Wright advised these tobacco/smoke free regulations are becoming increasingly more common in Ohio. The regulations will reduce the exposure to second-hand smoke, reduce littering and provide better role modeling for the youth using parks and public spaces. The proposed resolution being worked on will ban smoking and tobacco products from our parks and all Township properties. The Township will work with the Alliance to properly educate the public of our new regulations. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Musselman updated the Board on ongoing projects in the Township. Some of which are the replacement of the playground at Miami Meadows Park, Service garage roof repairs are underway, Leming House project start is tentatively scheduled, placing No Parking signs around the Township and he reminded everyone of the Spirit of '76 Memorial Ride on September 17th.

Mr. Wright recommended the Board make a Conditional Offer of Employment to Ryan Grothaus for a part-time position in the Parks Department. Upon successful passing of the drug screen and background check, Mr. Grothaus would start at an hourly rate of \$10.71.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to grant Conditional Offer of Employment to Ryan Grothaus, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright reminded the Board that the August 16th business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. for the 25th Anniversary off D.A.R.E., the Board will need to reschedule the October and November work sessions and the Board will need to set a hearing date for Zoning Case #547. These will be action items at the August 16th business meeting.

Ms. Wolff noted the Township Concert Series is well received and thanked the Recreation Department for their work on this.

Public Comment: None

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jeff Wright, Acting Fiscal Officer

Karl Schultz, Chairperson